

## HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD RESOLUTION 2010-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION FORMALLY OFFERING ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA IN ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A SPENDING PLAN AND STREAMLINED REVIEW PROCEDURES.

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2010, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia issued an independent performance audit of operations and maintenance practices at the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) which was conducted by Cherry, Bekaert and Holland, LLP and released on September 23, 2010;

**WHEREAS**, the overall purpose of the performance audit was to provide an independent assessment of VDOT's organizational structure, programs and operations and determine whether they are operating efficiently and effectively in carrying out the mission of the Department;

**WHEREAS**, the audit produced more than 50 recommendations and findings that are designed to reduce duplication of effort, increase programmatic efficiencies and effect cost savings wherever possible;

**WHEREAS**, among the top findings, approximately \$1 billion in funding is currently available for VDOT's maintenance and construction program that has not been utilized to date;

**WHEREAS**, the money identified in the audit is not new funding, but rather funding that would result from better leveraging and management of current resources;

**WHEREAS**, the money identified in the audit comprises state and federal funds that are available for projects but not currently programmed;

**WHEREAS**, of the identified \$1 billion, approximately \$614 million can be used to award construction and maintenance contracts within the next 12 months;

**WHEREAS**, of the identified \$1 billion, approximately \$440 million can be programmed to accelerate projects within the Six-Year Improvement Program;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth has stated that VDOT will award \$800 to \$900 million in contracts by December 31, 2010 and will get long overdue construction underway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth has given the Secretary of Transportation and VDOT Commissioner 45 days to develop a full action plan to address the audit findings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization formally offers its assistance to the Commonwealth of Virginia in its efforts to develop a spending plan and streamlined review procedures.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** by the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization Board at its meeting on the 20th day of October, 2010.

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